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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1793
PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Kazuo MINEMURA et al.

Art Unit: 1793

Application No.: 10/587,275

Examiner: Jessee Randall ROE

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For: METHOD FOR SURFACE TREATMENT OF METAL MATERIAL

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 1, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 4.